

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-19. **(Canceled).**

20. **(Currently Amended)** A filter bag for a filter device, said filter bag comprising a tubular, flexible, air-penetrable filter body ~~provided with and~~ a suspension arrangement at an unfolded end ~~thereof of said filter body~~, said suspension arrangement comprising a rigid ring element arranged at least partially at an interior part of the filter body and being annularly secured to said unfolded end of the filter body substantially without compressing the filter body, said ring element including a plurality of outwardly protruding members for suspending the filter bag at discrete points.

21. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 20, wherein the ring element is annularly provided with holes, and the ring element and the filter body are sewn together.

22. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 20, wherein the ring element and the filter body are glued together.

23. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 20, wherein the ring element and the filter body are welded together.

24. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 20, wherein the ring element is moulded.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 24, wherein the filter body is secured to the ring element during the moulding process of the ring element.

26. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 25, wherein the ring element material protrudes at least partially into the filter body material.

27. **(Cancel)**

28. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according to claim 20, wherein the ring element is made of metal.

29. **(Previously Presented)** A filter bag according claim 20, wherein the ring element is made of plastics material.

30. **(Currently Amended)** A filter device comprising a housing with a dust chamber and a clean-air chamber that are separated by a partition wall suspending at least one filter bag that extends through an opening provided in the partition wall with a main part of the filter bag located in the dust chamber, wherein said filter bag comprises a tubular, flexible, air-penetrable filter body ~~provided with and~~ a suspension arrangement at an unfolded end ~~thereof~~ of said filter, said suspension arrangement comprising a rigid ring element arranged at least partially at an interior part of the filter body and being annularly secured to said unfolded end of the filter body substantially without compressing the filter body, said ring element including a plurality of outwardly protruding members that abut on the partition wall at discrete points, and wherein the ring element of the filter bag extends at least partially into the opening in the partition wall.

31. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element of the filter bag is annularly provided with holes, and the ring element and the filter body are sewn together.

32. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element and the filter body of the filter bag are glued together.

33. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element and the filter body of the filter bag are welded together.

34. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element of the filter bag is moulded.

35. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 34, wherein the filter body of the filter bag is secured to the ring element during the moulding process of the ring element.

36. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 35, wherein the ring element material protrudes at least partially into the filter body material.

37. **(Cancel)**

38. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element of the filter bag is made of metal.

39. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the ring element of the filter bag is made of a plastics material.

40. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein the filter body of the filter bag extends through the opening in the partition wall and forms a sealing between the partition wall and the ring element.

41. **(Previously Presented)** A filter according to claim 40, wherein the filter body is substantially uncompressed in the area between the ring element and the partition wall.

42. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 30, wherein only the ring element of the filter bag extends through the opening in the partition wall, whereas the filter body ends at a distance from the partition wall.

43. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 42, wherein the ring element sealingly engages the opening in the partition wall.

44. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 42, wherein a sealing member is arranged between the ring element and the opening in the partition wall.

45. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according claim 30, wherein the filter device is provided with CIP (cleaning-in-place) means.

46. **(Previously Presented)** A filter device according to claim 45, wherein the CIP means comprises at least one nozzle provided in the dust chamber.